Bengal Potteries

186. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government have decided to denotify the Bengal Pottories; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) The Central Government decided to discontinue the management of the Bengal Potteries Limited, under the Industries (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951 with effect from 1-11-1987 and the High Court was requested to direct the Official Liquidator to resume the winding up procedings in relation to the said industrial undertaking. The decision to discontinue the management of the said industrial undertaking was taken because the same was not found to be a viable one. However, Bengal Potteries Workers and Staff Unions and Others filed a Writ Petition before the Calcutta High Court and the Calcutta High Court have stayed the implementation of the Central Government's decision until further orders.

Bulk drugs being exempted from price control

187. DR. H. P. SHARMA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of bulk drugs though mentioned in the list have been exempted from price control along with their medicines in single ingredient under brand names as reported in the Economic Times of the 26th October, 1987;

(b) if so, what are the names of those bulk drugs, names of their producers, sales turn-over of each during 1986, names of single ingredient branded medicines, names of manufacturer of each, sales turnover of each grand based on single bulk drug; and

(c) what are the reasons for decontrolling the prices of these drugs and medicines based on each drug?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The following bulk drugs mentioned in the list of Category—II bulk drugs have been exempted from price control alongwith their single ingredient formulations under brand names:

S.No.	Name of the Bulk drug
1.	Vitamin A
2.	Vitamin B1
3.	Vitamin B2
4.	Vitamin B6
5.	Vitamin C
6.	Vitamin D
7.	Vitamin E
8.	Calcium Pantothenate

The other details required in the question are quite voluminous and are not available. The time and efforts required for collection of the same will not be commensurate with the results likely to be achieved.

(c) The decision has been taken on the recommendations of the Kelkar Committee, copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.